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S.B. No. 1716

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to expenditures for lobbying activities made by a
3 recipient of state money.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 556.0055, Government
6 Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 556.0055. [~~RESTRICTIONS ON~~] LOBBYING EXPENDITURES BY
8 RECIPIENT OF STATE FUNDS PROHIBITED.

9 SECTION 2. Section 556.0055(a), Government Code, is amended
10 to read as follows:

11 (a) A political subdivision or private entity that receives
12 state funds may not [~~use the funds to~~] pay:

13 (1) lobbying expenses incurred by the recipient of the
14 funds;

15 (2) a person or entity that is required to register
16 with the Texas Ethics Commission under Chapter 305;

17 (3) any partner, employee, employer, relative,
18 contractor, consultant, or related entity of a person or entity
19 described by Subdivision (2); or

20 (4) a person or entity that has been hired to represent
21 associations or other entities for the purpose of affecting the
22 outcome of legislation, agency rules, ordinances, or other
23 government policies.

24 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act to Section

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1 556.0055(a), Government Code, applies to an expenditure made on or
2 after the effective date of this Act.

3 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.